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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6215**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1008

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 4, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Local government matters.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** Provision #1. This bill requires a change in city, town, or school corporation notice postings.

Provision #2. A local official who attends a state-called conference is entitled to receive reimbursement for meals.

Provision #3. This bill adds to the list of officials before whom the recording of a real property conveyance may be proved.

Provision #4. Municipal courts are removed from the distribution of the qualified municipality share of court fees.

Provision #5. Funds that are appropriated for clerk-treasurer legal expenses are required be allocated to the clerk-treasurer.

Provision #6. Changes are made regarding filings to collect delinquent municipal sewer fees.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2000 (retroactive); July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Provision #1. This bill no longer requires the posting of a notice in the post office in the municipality or school corporation (or at a bank if there is no post office). This provision will reduce the number of places that a notice must be posted. The fiscal impact of this provision

is negligible to a city, town or school corporation officers.

Provision #2. P.L. 35-1999, Section 3, removed the provision allowing subsistence for meals for a local elected official attending a state-called conference. This bill provides that each local official attending a state-called conference will be reimbursed for meals purchased while attending the conference. The fiscal impact of this provision is minimal and will vary among local units of government.

Provision #6. Current law provides that the list of landowners with delinquent municipal sewer fees may not be prepared more than four times a year. This bill provides that the list may be prepared as often as the officer charged with collecting the fees determines is necessary in a calendar year. The county recorder may collect a filing fee under IC 36-2-7-10 for the filing of a list. Fees range from \$1-\$15 depending on a number of factors including but not limited to page sizes of the document, acknowledging or certifying a document, and proofreading any copy presented for certification. The fiscal impact of this provision is indeterminable and is dependent on the recording fee charged by a county and the number of times a municipality files a list of delinquent municipal sewer fees.

Provisions #3, #4, and #5. No fiscal impact.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Provision #6. Allowing more than four filings could potentially increase the amount of revenue collected by a municipality from delinquent municipal sewer fees. The fiscal impact is indeterminable and will vary among municipalities.

There would be an increase in revenue to a county from the increased number of filings by a municipality. The amount of revenue generated from the additional recording fees allowed in this bill will vary among counties. Specific fees collected by the county recorder are deposited in the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund which is used for the preservation of records and the improvement of record keeping systems and equipment.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County recorders; Counties; Townships; Cities; Towns; School corporations; School corporation officers.

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